



DEP ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO TAKE TO THE TRAIL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2

A scenic view of a dirt path leading through lush green trees and bushes towards a calm blue lake under a clear blue sky. The path is narrow and unpaved, winding through dense vegetation. The trees are mostly deciduous with bright green leaves, and some have small white blossoms. The lake is a deep, clear blue, reflecting the sky. In the distance, a low shoreline with more trees is visible. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

“New Jersey boasts some 1,500 miles of trails, opening up a wide variety of environments for exploration – coastal marshes, urban waterfronts, the Pine

The vast network of trails in the state offers opportunities for a wide array of activities. In addition to hiking and nature appreciation, trails offer opportunities for cycling, horseback riding, backpacking, skiing, as well as places to launch canoes and kayaks. Always check ahead to determine approved trail uses.

In New Jersey, dozens of events are planned. Highlights include:

- Assisting with trail maintenance in Bass River State Forest in the Pine Barrens of Burlington County;
- Participating in the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Open House in Bergen County;
- Celebrating National Trails Day with a variety of events in Cherry Hill, Camden County;
- Taking a weekend horse-riding and camping trip in Sussex County;
- Canoeing while pitching in with a river cleanup in Hunterdon County;
- Geocaching at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Union County.

For more details and additional events, [click here](#). Please note that some events require a RSVP or preregistration.

National Trails Day helps foster a public understanding of the importance of trails and the perseverance and dedication of those who helped establish, preserve and maintain them. Trails provide health and fitness opportunities, outdoor classrooms for nature study, greenways for wildlife conservation, links with historic sites – and an economic boost to regional tourism.

For more information, visit the New Jersey Trails program: www.trails.nj.gov

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